Weekly Column for October 13, 2005

After a few crazy weeks of happenings in the City of Troy I am pleased to announce that our benefit for the victims of Hurricane Katrina will take place next Saturday at two separate locations.

One stage will be on River Street near the intersection of State Street. The other stage will be in Riverfront Park.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on River Street is an exciting lineup of groups including: Roseanne Raneri, Frank Jacklitch, Good Earth, McMahon Jones Blue Grass Jam, Mike Eck, The Chris's, Rob Beauleau & Friends, White Star Line, Wide Awake, Matt Durfee, and Casey J Chapman.

That's an exciting lineup, and certainly one worth bringing the family downtown for.

Over in Riverfront Park, we have some louder bands playing, including Corona of the Sun, and a few other acts we'll announce throughout next week.

While the event itself is free, we will be collecting money to donate to the Red Cross and earmarked for relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

It's been six weeks since the hurricane first hit. This is the time where people stop thinking about the disaster and moving on with their lives, but there is still much work to be done, and the residents of the Gulf Coast, not just in New Orleans, but the entire region, need your help.

Mark your calendars for next Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10 a.m. until dusk. See you then.

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